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This Date in History—Aug. 22.

- 1485—Battle of Bosworth and death of Richard III; end of the Plantagenet dynasty and beginning of the Tudor with Henry VII.
 1762—William Whiston, translator of Josephus, died in London, aged 85.
 1767—John Fitch's steamboat made its first trip on the Delaware.
 1838—Warren Hastings, noted governor general of India, died at Daylesford, Worcestershire, aged 85.
 1844—George Washington de Long, American naval officer and Arctic explorer, born in New York city; died in Siberia in 1881 while in command of the ill-fated Jeannette expedition.
 1891—Hsin-Fung, emperor of China, noted for his anti-foreign policy, died.
 1891—Park place disaster, New York city; tall building fell; about 100 killed and 50 hurt.
 1894—Stephen K. Fowler, well known financier of New Orleans and New York, died at Bedford, Mass.; born 1827.
 1896—Ex-Governor Leon B. Morris of Connecticut died at New Haven; born 1828.



WARREN HASTINGS

Two hundred gold standard Democrats of Lynchburg have signed a promise to organize on the 24th instant and work for the defeat of Bryan.

What has become of the effort to organize the gold standard Democrats in Roanoke. A petition was being vigorously circulated a week ago, but results seem to be rather slow materializing.

Secretary Carlisle is expected to return to Washington to-day after a visit to President Cleveland at Gray Gables. Several other members of the Cabinet have recently been in consultation with the President; but up to this time they have not taken the public into their confidence; so the nature and object of the meeting can only be conjectured. Doubtless the proposed gold Democratic convention at Indianapolis came in for a share of the discussion, of which something may be heard later on.

Dr. Nansen's vessel, the Fram, has reached Skjerve (however it may be pronounced) with all well on board. The explorer left the vessel in January, 1895, and since then he had not been heard from. The captain of the Fram says Professor Andree was waiting at Dane's Island on the 14th of August for a favorable wind to start for the North Pole, and that will probably be the last heard of Professor Andree. Still, some of these hardy Norwegian or Danish explorers may, while fooling around in the Arctic circle stumble against the N. P. yet. They are used to cold, and are better qualified for Arctic explorations than men from warmer climes.

President Cleveland has decided to treat Li Hung Chang, the Chinese viceroy, as the guest of the nation on his arrival in this country. The forts and guns of the North Atlantic squadron will thunder forth a welcome at New York, and a general of the United States army, with his staff, will attend the great Chinaman on his trip across the country. From this it is easy to see what an immense social difference between this almond-eyed celestial, with \$500,000,000, and the humble Chinese washerman, Him Lee, who was smuggled across the Canadian border in a second-hand coffin. But such is life. And then Li has an autograph letter from the Emperor of China to President Cleveland.

The Spanish chamber of deputies is considerably agitated at the alleged insult offered the flag of Spain a few days ago at Key West, Florida, where it is claimed the national ensign was trampled into the dust by people of that city. The United States Government up to this time has not heard of the "outrage" officially, and will not take any notice of it unless the matter is brought to its attention by the Spanish authorities. Some time ago during the discussion of Cuban belligerency in the United States Congress, the Spaniards treated the flag of this country with equally as much disrespect as they now charge our people with treating theirs. This Government, however, did not get at all excited; but simply let the Spaniards howl until they were tired. They might profit by our example.

Chairman Butler, of the Populist national executive committee, says, "Mr. Cockran did not come anywhere near answering Mr. Bryan's Madison Square Garden speech," which was, he says, a masterpiece of convincing and unanswerable logic. He is very sanguine as to the outcome of the Presidential election. The enemy he regards as already whipped,

and are now only employing the methods of desperation by striving to switch the campaign to the tariff question. He regards Mr. Cockran's speech as a cheap and desperate effort to arouse class prejudices, where there are no antagonisms of interests, and where there can be no antagonisms or prejudices except by deceiving voters by false arguments and fallacies, all of which he says will fail; because both the wage earner and farmer understand the issues in this fight and the unity of their interests. It is they who have made this question the overshadowing issue, and it is they who will carry it to victory."

Mr. Bryan says he is not bothering about New York Democrats, and that everything will come out all right. This in connection with his stay in that State and the partial canvass he intends to make, shows that he believes there will be no serious split among the Democrats of the Empire State, notwithstanding the disaffection of a few of the leaders. Republicans and extremists among the gold Democrats affected to believe at first that he had injured himself by his New York city speech, but in view of the cordial reception he is meeting with in the interior of the State they have been compelled to modify their claims greatly in this regard. The silver sentiment is strong in the rural districts of New York, and with the recent developments among Delaware Democrats proves that there is not near the disaffection in the party in the Northeastern States that has been claimed. Then too so far as New York is concerned, Mr. Bryan's visit has greatly strengthened his cause. The people there no longer believe he is revolutionary in feeling, or that his election would in any sense endanger the existing condition of affairs in the country generally, as was claimed by the Eastern press immediately after his nomination.

A RAY OF HOPE.

For years past the Roanoke City Council has spent all the money it could beg and borrow beating the brush on the suburbs and building monuments to folly, such as paving the unused streets about the Roanoke and Southern depot, but at last light seems to be breaking in on that august body. About four dollars have just been spent in filling the buggy-wrecking sink holes on Commerce street, between the Ponce de Leon and the railroad crossing, and if our worthy city fathers will now take a view of Salem avenue, west of Commerce street, and resolve to spend about \$10 on that thoroughfare, a grateful community will sing praises to the returning of our town daddies.

HE IS A PATRIOT.

"No convention can rob me of my convictions, nor can any party organization drive me to conspire against the prosperity and liberty of my country. Men who agree upon a principle can submit their personal preferences to the arbitrament of a convention, but men who honestly differ upon the paramount public questions cannot afford to be harmonized by a national convention. Mr. Cleveland would not support a free silver candidate for the Presidency and he should not do so if really believed that free coinage would ruin the country, because a man's duty to his country is higher than his duty to his party.—Wm. Jennings Bryan.

These are the sentiments of a patriot. How different from the expressions we so often hear from the petty politicians and place hunters, who continually cry, "My party, right or wrong, my party." Some day Mr. Bryan may give us his opinion of the party worshipper. It will be a reading when it comes.

OPPOSED TO UNMERITED TITLES.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the Weather Bureau, is opposed to the indiscriminate bestowal of military titles by the public press on officials of his branch of the public service, however prevalent the custom may be in other walks of life. He has taken hold of the matter in earnest, and in order that the officials connected with him and the public generally may know what his views on the subject are, he has issued the following circular to those under his command:

"Officials of the weather bureau have been frequently referred to by the public press, in connection with their duties, by military titles, as captain, major, colonel, etc., whether the titles have been earned or not, and apparently with their consent. This practice is manifestly wrong. The weather bureau is no longer, in any sense, a part of the military establishment, but a part of the Department of Agriculture; its functions are all of a civil and not a military character; and the efforts of all those connected with it should be directed to the maintenance of its autonomy and dignity. No objections to the wearing of these titles to persons who have earned them can be made, but it is submitted to such, even, whether the titles by which they are known in the bureau, as observer, local forecast official, professor, etc., are not quite as honorable, or capable of being made so, as any that have been won in any other branch of the public service. But the assumption, or the wearing of such titles on the part of those who have never performed any military service whatever, is in bad taste, and is a palpable injury to those who have gained and possess them by years of laborious and valiant service. The chief of the bureau is of the opinion, therefore, that the interests of the weather bureau would be better subserved and promoted by efforts on the part of its officials to dignify their several positions by their own titles and discouraging

ing and deprecating the use of military or other titles not their own, and to which they have no claim."

SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

The lull in the Cuban campaign has been broken and fighting seems to have commenced in earnest all along the lines. When the insurgents get so enterprising and aggressive as to capture cannon from the Spanish troops by assault, it really begins to look like they mean business. In the meantime, hostility on the part of the Spaniards to the United States Government and individual citizens is showing itself in various ways. Spain is preparing a claim for indemnity against the United States for allowing expeditions in aid of Cuba to be fitted out in this country, and the dislike of Spaniards to Americans is so strong in Havana and vicinity that several murders have occurred there recently, while a general feeling of danger prevails among all citizens of this country who are compelled for the time to sojourn in Cuba. As to the claims for indemnity Spain, in drawing a parallel between them and the Alabama claims of the United States against England, is entirely mistaken, for this Government has done everything in its power to suppress and discourage filibustering, while it was notorious that the British during our civil war openly disregarded all international law in the aid and comfort given the Confederacy. In regard to the maltreatment and murder of American citizens by the Spanish soldiery there will certainly come a day of reckoning, in which the Spaniards will have to pay heavily or engage in a war with the United States. It is generally believed that Spain is endeavoring to create sympathy among the nations of Europe in making these claims, with a view to a possible offensive and defensive alliance with one or more of the great powers against this country. As to such an alliance it might be that France and Italy could be drawn into one with Spain, but is hardly probable as, in spite of the financial difficulties of this country, it is by no means bankrupt and would prove a formidable antagonist no matter how great the coalition against it.

HE IS AN IDIOT.

When any man says that after the re-monetization of silver anyone here or elsewhere can purchase 50 or 33 cents of silver and have it made into an American silver dollar, set him down as Mr. Donnelly's idiot. Who this idiot is Mr. Bryan has well stated in one of his recent speeches as follows:

Mr. Donnelly observed two men discussing the question in a car; one gentleman said to the other free coinage man: "Don't you think it is wrong for the Government to say by law that any man could go and buy silver for fifty cents and after it was coined sell it for one hundred, and make the difference?" and the advocate of free coinage said to this person: "Under free coinage any person who holds 4121-3 grains of standard silver can take that silver to the mint and have it coined into a dollar at any time. Now, if that is true, who," he asked, "under the free coinage of silver would sell his silver for fifty cents?"

There was a silence for a moment, and then someone said: "I would." The free silver advocate went to see where the voice came from, and he found that it came from a sallow-faced young fellow sitting by his mother, and the mother said: "Don't pay any attention to the boy. He is an idiot."

Now, whenever one person can do that under free coinage, everybody can, and if everybody can do that I cannot for the life of me see where the profit is going to be.

M'CALL NOMINATED.

Culpepper, Va., August 21.—Capt. Patrick Henry McCall, of Brandy Station, Culpepper county, Va., was nominated by acclamation yesterday at the Republican Congressional convention held here for member of Congress from the Eighth Congressional district of Virginia.

SENATOR DANIEL COMING HERE.

Senator Daniel, who has been in Europe taking depositions in a law suit involving \$95,000, will sail for America on August 23. He will lose no time in going on the stump. The Senator writes that he is enjoying fine health and will return in excellent trim for the campaign. The national committee will use him in several States.

DIXIE LAND COMING.

The attraction which comes to the Academy on August 27 is "Dixie Land," a picturesque Southern play by James M. Martin. Those favorites, McIntyre and Heath, will be seen to advantage as colored servants and will create quantities of laughter by their quaint sayings and clever acting. Several new and novel scenes and situations will be presented by a strong company, which also includes Lizzie Evans, "The Little Sunbeam."

THE POINT AT ISSUE.

For several minutes the judge remained wrapped in thought. "There seems to be no unusual complications in this case," he said at last. "None at all, your honor," asserted the attorney for the plaintiff. "All of the main facts are admitted by both sides." "The plaintiff," continued the judge, as if trying to get the matter straight in his own mind, "accuses the defendant of violently and maliciously kicking him upon several occasions." "That is correct, your honor," said the attorney for the plaintiff. "And as I understand it," the judge went on, "the defendant admits that he did kick the plaintiff, as alleged." "He does, your honor," said the attorney for the defendant. "Then the only question to be decided is the extent of the damage done to the person and the feelings of the plaintiff. Of course, the gravity of the offense must depend to a large extent upon that." "That is the position that we take, your honor," said the attorney for the plaintiff. "Very well," returned the judge. "If you have any witnesses who can swear that he wore spike-toed shoes you may call them."—Chicago Post.

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SALEM NEWS.

Maj. J. C. Green, of Wytheville, paid a visit to Salem yesterday.

A stylish German will be given at the Roanoke Red next Friday night.

Joseph Turner and a friend from Hollins were in Salem yesterday afternoon.

Police Justice Wood, of Roanoke, paid a short visit to Salem yesterday morning.

Hon. J. W. Marshall, of Craig county, was in town yesterday morning on business.

Hugh Critz has returned to Salem after a pleasant visit to his old home in Martinsville.

Prof. Saunders and John Garrett, of Blacksburg, passed through Salem yesterday on their bicycles.

A very pleasant party was given on Thursday night by Miss Lucy Stearnes to a number of her young friends.

B. Lucy Hoge, accompanied by his wife and two children, went to Columbia yesterday morning for a visit to relatives.

Lewis Logan performed quite a feat yesterday morning in walking from Roanoke Red to Salem, a distance of nine miles, in three hours.

John H. Sears yesterday afternoon made The Times correspondent a present of four of the finest, prettiest peaches he has seen this season, for which Mr. Sears has the grateful acknowledgments of the correspondent.

Judge A. E. King, of Roanoke, was in town yesterday and as trustee sold at auction by M. F. Huff, the lot and store house on College avenue known as the Land's property. The property was bought in by the People's Building, Loan and Savings Company, for \$800, it having cost at least \$10,000 during the boom days several years ago.

T. T. Smith met with a painful accident yesterday afternoon in letting a heavy hitching block fall on his foot, causing severe bruises. Mr. Smith is fond of a practical joke and several times recently upon seeing Officer Johnson on the street has let the block fall heavily on the floor of the feed store, fooling the officer into thinking it a pistol shot. Yesterday afternoon through carelessness Mr. Smith let the block fall on his foot, and now he doesn't play any more practical jokes.

The Salem Serenading Club has returned from the Roanoke Red, where they have been making headquarters since Tuesday afternoon. They played and sang by invitation at an entertainment given at the Red on Tuesday night for the benefit of the parsonage and again on Thursday night at Catawba at an entertainment for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society. All the members of the club are very much pleased with their visit, and William Montgomery especially has an interesting stock of experiences to relate. The sum of \$16 was netted for the parsonage, while the Ladies' Aid Society cleared \$36.

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